

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shaher A. Ahmad  
Serial No.: 10/645,739  
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Group Art Unit: 3733  
Confirmation No.: 9156  
Examiner: James L. Swiger III  
Title: **BONE ANCHOR SYSTEM**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

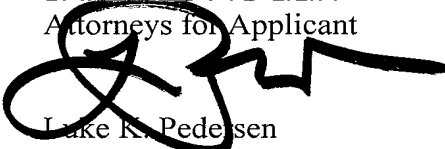
**Notice of Appeal**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner transmitted April 21, 2008 and the Advisory Action which was transmitted on August 8, 2008 finally rejecting Claims 1-12, 14-16, 30-32, 36-46, and 48-51.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$510.00** to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. to cover the filing fee for this Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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